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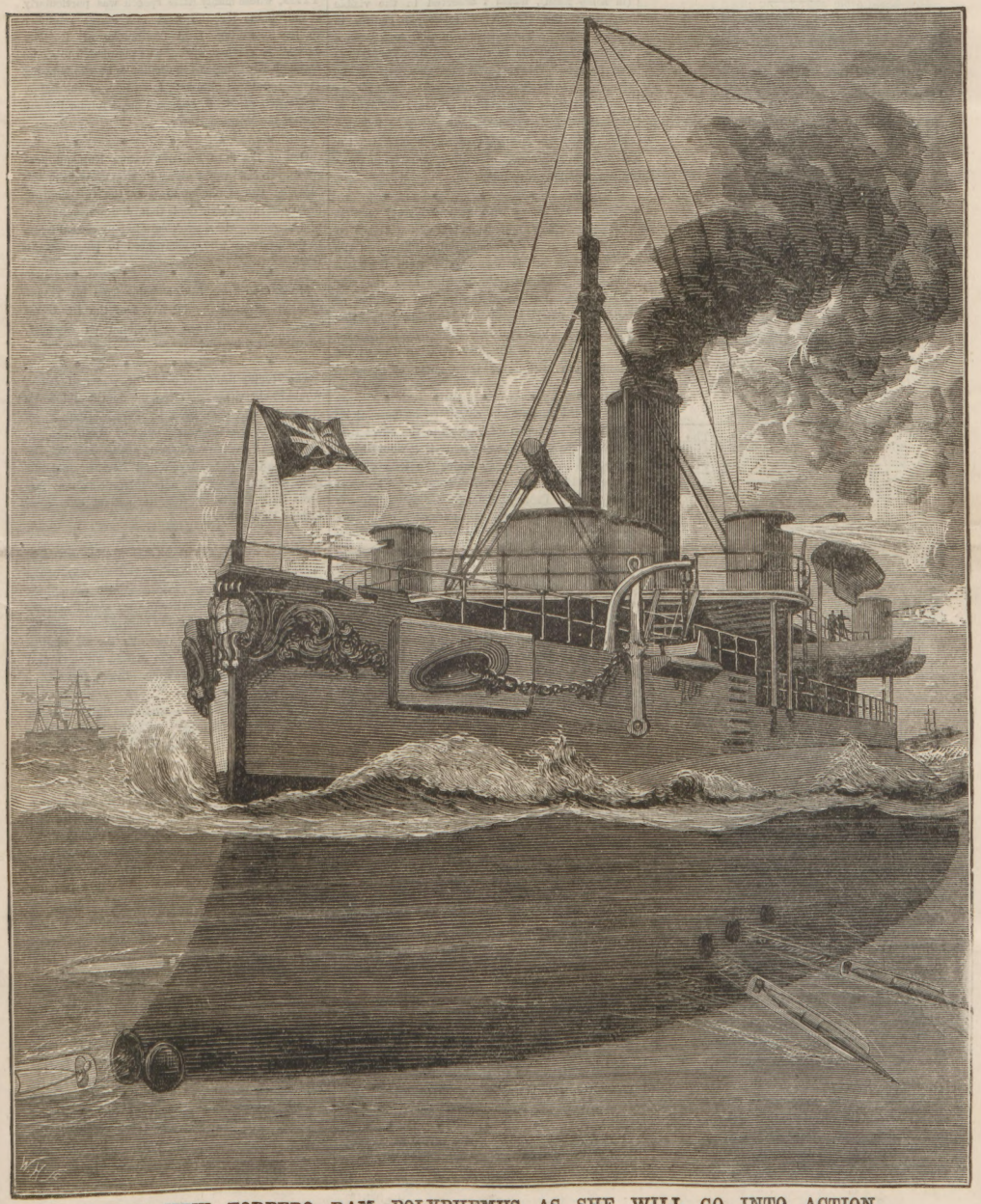

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SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1881.

OUR LONDON LETTER

THE Comet—larger and more brilliant than Donati's and Coggia's and the great one of 1861, if memory serves me faithfully—has appeared on the dull horizon of London life, and relieved the tedium of one of the dullest seasons on record. National lack of adaptability to circumstances was conspicuously shown in the absence of announcements that the Comet could be interviewed through this or that Telescope. Amateur astronomers, however, have reaped a fine harvest of observation. From his Observatory at Upper Tulse Hill, to wit, Mr. William Huggins was able on Friday night of last week to obtain "with one hour's exposure, a photograph on a gelatine plate of the more refrangible part of the spectrum of the Comet which is now visible. This photograph shows a pair of bright lines a little way beyond H in the ultra violet region, which appear to belong to the spectrum of carbon (in some form), which I observed in the visible region of the spectra of telescopic comets in 1866 and 1868. There is also in the photograph a continuous spectrum in which the Fraunhofer lines can be seen. These show that this part of the Comet's light was reflected solar light. This photographic evidence supports the results I obtained in 1868, showing that comets shine partly by reflected solar light, the spectrum of which indicates the presence in the comet of carbon, possibly in combination with hydrogen."

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The Comet shone with great brilliancy on that particular Friday night, when one of the Artists on the staff of this paper made the drawing of the bright visitor as it was viewed from Highgate Archway. The Comet's position near the star Capella, the tail extending in the direction of the Pole star, is plainly indicated in this Illustration, which it may be of interest to compare with the adjoining diagrams showing the course through the heavens of the Comets of 1858 and 1861.

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An absurd rumour was circulated on Tuesday by MacMahon's automatic telegraph to the effect that Mr. Gladstone would be elevated—if it would be an elevation—to the Peerage under the title of Lord Oxford. It was, of course, unfounded. The same afternoon, the Prime Minister (whose effective speech against the Anglo-Turkish Convention on Friday se'nnight was in his best style) made in the Commons a welcome statement, which seemed to foreshadow the loom of the land of heather to jaded M.P.'s. In asking for the remainder of each week for the Irish Land Bill, he half promised as a compensation that the Session might be closed before the end of the first week in August—that is, if the House of Lords should not reject the measure. But Lord Salisbury, rash as he is, will not venture to thwart the will of the People with regard to the reform of the Irish Land Laws. I have no doubt the bill will be passed; and one of Ireland's greatest grievances will be removed, as far as honest legislation can remove an ill.

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Mr. Edmond Beales, who died full of years at Osborne House, Bolton-gardens, last Sunday, deserved a far heartier memorial notice than he has received from some so-called Liberal journals. A staunch Reformer of the good old Cromwellian order, Mr. Beales did a great public service when he put himself at the head of the Reform League. Whilst boldly demanding the suffrage for all Englishmen, and whilst he gallantly kept up his wholesome agitation as the foremost successor of John Bright as a democratic platform speaker, Edmund Beales was enabled to restrain the wilder spirits of the Reform League, and by the moderating influence of his counsels to calm the justly-roused passions of the populace, whom the Tories and yea-nay, dilly-dallying Whigs drove to the brink of Revolution to secure the simple right to vote, which should be the birthright of every Briton.

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"*Pan, Pan* is dead!" The words of ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING will serve as epitaph for the recently deceased Society journal, *Pan*, the direction of which was of far too flabby a nature to exploit with sufficient enterprise the trumpy card of a novel from the captivating pen of GEORGE AUGUSTUS SALA.

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The Prince of Journalists, MR. SALA, and his humorous brother of the pen, MR. F. C. BURNAND, were both conspicuous by their absence from the Lord Mayor's feast to literary men on Saturday last, although most of the papers said they were present. Perhaps the most satisfactory speaker on behalf of the Republic of Letters was MR. EDMUND YATES, whose manly little speech was particularly commendable for the neat and adroit reminder to the bantering Lord Sherbrooke of ROBERT LOWE's journalistic work. The permission to smoke was a pleasant surprise to the diners at the Mansion House; and was obtained, I am told, at the happy suggestion of Mr. J. Somers Vine, a former Private Sec. at the Mansion House.

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One of the most brilliant orators England possesses, Mr. Sala, could afford to stop away from the Mansion House dinner to show the tuft-hunting merchant in the civic chair that Journalism has one representative who doesn't care to play second fiddle to the peerlings who endeavoured to patronise the feast.

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Mr. Melton Prior, fresh as paint from his Transvaal expedition as Special Artist of the *Illustrated London News*, returned to England on Monday, brown—berry brown!

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The Henley Stewards (none of whom, I fancy, would be chosen by Earl Granville for the diplomatic service) should have been at Stamford-bridge on Saturday to hear the hearty burst of English cheering which greeted the first appearance of the invincible U.S. peds., Myers and Merrill. It might have softened what, by a complacent fiction, they deem their hearts towards the gallant crew from Cornell University.

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Tuesday was *the* day of the Oxford and Cambridge cricket match. Genial sunshine took the place of the previous day's gloom. Pretty women abounded; but I can't say their frocks—dresses would scarcely be the correct word—added to their beauty. Mr. W. H. Patterson's 107 for Oxford's second innings was the great feature of the match, which Oxford won on Wednesday by 135 runs. Bravo, Oxford.

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The Tories are making a stout fight for Feudalism; but "by a large majority" the Liberals are beating them; and the Irish Land Bill has made further progress this week.

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The appalling murder of Mr. Gold on Monday, on the Brighton line, recalling the assassination of Mr. Briggs by Muller some years ago, will make railway travellers careful. Terrible though the outrage was, it would be unjust to the excellent management of the London and Brighton line not to bear in mind that there was the usual electric bell for travellers in the carriage wherein the fatal struggle took place, and that, if the unfortunate gentleman could but have pulled it, the train could have been stopped directly, and the murderer arrested red-handed. A word, too, for the Central Criminal Department at Scotland Yard! An unfair endeavour was made to throw discredit upon this department for the non-detention of Lefroy. But, as a matter of fact, it was the local police who were caught napping by this missing passenger with the extraordinary tale of having been shot at by two men, and rendered insensible—and left with a gold watch in his boot! Superintendent Williamson soon made up lee way, however. This acute and experienced officer lost no time on Tuesday in circulating the

following Police notice, which was confidently expected to lead to the arrest of Lefroy :—

> Wanted, for Murder, Arthur Mapleton, *alias* "Lefroy," a reporter, aged twenty-two ; height, 5 ft. 8 in., thin, dark hair, cut short, small dark whiskers; last seen at Wallington at half-past nine on the 27th. with his head bandaged. He was dressed in a dark coat, and wore a low black hat; had scratches upon his throat, and was wounded, it is supposed by a pistol-shot. He has a gold, open-faced watch, No. 16,261, maker, Griffiths, of the Mile-end-road.

PHILIP.

News in a Nutshell.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN'S CORONATION.

THE anniversary of the Coronation of her Majesty was kept in London in the usual manner on Tuesday. From an early hour the bells of the City and West-End churches rang merry peals, and the Royal Standard was hoisted on the public buildings. The Royal Arsenal at Woolwich, and the Government Dockyards at Devonport, Portsmouth, and Chatham, were closed. At Woolwich there was a review of the troops stationed at that garrison, the town representing very much the appearance of a Bank Holiday. In the morning at Windsor, the bells of St. George's Chapel and parish church pealed merrily, and Royal salutes were fired in the course of the day in the Long Walk and at Virginia Water. The day was observed as a general holiday at Sheerness.

Her Majesty and Princess Beatrice are expected to reside at Windsor Castle for about three weeks, and will then proceed to Osborne. The Queen, towards the latter part of August, goes to Scotland, and while en route to Balmoral will review the Scottish Volunteers at Edinburgh.

Her Majesty's dinner party last Saturday included Princess Louise, Princess Beatrice, the Grand Duke Hesse, Prince Leopold, and Princesses Victoria and Elizabeth of Hesse, the Dowager Duchess of Athole, Lord Methuen, the Right Hon. Sir W. V. Harcourt, Lieutenant-General the Right Hon. Sir H. Ponsonby, and Mr. Sahl.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

By command of the Queen, a State Ball was given on Friday se'nnight at Buckingham Palace. The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Grand Duke of Hesse and the members of the Royal family, conducted by the Earl of Kenmare, K.P. (Lord Chamberlain), and attended by the Great Officers of State, the Mistress of the Robes, and the ladies and gentlemen of the household in waiting, entered the saloon shortly before eleven o'clock, when the dancing immediately commenced.

Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales wore a dress of satin covered in clouds of tulle with draperies and corsage of rich white embossed satin embroidered in chenille, white bugles and pearls, caught up with a large bunch of Reine Marguerites en jup and corsage. Head-dress—a tiara of diamonds. Ornaments—pearls and diamonds.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, attended by the Countess of Macclesfield and Lieutenant-Colonel Clarke, left Marlborough House on Monday morning on a visit to the Queen at Windsor Castle. Their Royal Highnesses lunched with her Majesty, and afterwards proceeded to Coombe Cottage to visit the Empress Eugénie. The Grand Duke of Hesse, attended by Major Wernher, accompanied the Prince and Princess of Wales to Coombe Cottage, and returned with their Royal Highnesses to London in the afternoon. The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Grand Duke of Hesse went to a ball given by Mr. and Mrs. Villebois at their residence in Belgrave-square in the evening.

The Prince of Wales on Saturday paid his first visit to the British Museum in his recently acquired character as one of the trustees of that institution. The other members of the body assembled, including the Duke of Somerset and Lord Sherbrooke. The extreme rarity, if not the almost utter strangeness, of the presence of the Prince of Wales in the building gave colour to the statement that he is not remembered to have visited the Museum since he was taken there in his childhood, and incurred the parental displeasure for his too eager manipulating of a volume of so great value and rarity as to be beyond his youthful appreciation.

The new infirmary of the parish of St. Marylebone at Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, was on Wednesday opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The English reserve fleet, under the Duke of Edinburgh, will visit Kiel on July 11. The German authorities are preparing a grand reception for the fleet. The Marine Minister and other high dignitaries will leave Berlin for Kiel to receive the Duke. The festivities will last about five days.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught landed at St. Mary, Scilly, on Saturday afternoon, and left again in the evening for Guernsey, in the Prince of Wales's yacht, Osborne.

Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, is "the lion" of Nottingham this week, H.R.H. having gone there to open the University.

Princess Mary (Duchess of Teck), accompanied by the Duke of Teck, the young Princes and Princesses, and the Hon. Mary Thesiger, visited the Victoria Hospital for Children, Queen's-road, Chelsea, on Sunday afternoon, after attending the flower service at the Berkeley-street Chapel, Mayfair, bringing with them a large portion of the flowers, fruit, &c., and distributed them amongst the children in the wards. Her Royal Highness was received by Earl Cadogan (chairman).

On Sunday the Baronne Caters Lablache died, after a short illness. She was the gifted daughter of the celebrated Signor Lablache, who for many years had the honour of giving musical instruction to the Queen. Her Majesty received the news of her death with much regret, and Prince Leopold and Princess Beatrice, who had had singing lessons from her lately, were much distressed by the unexpected intelligence.

GOVERNMENT AND THE IRISH LAND BILL.

Mr. Gladstone, who returned to London from Millhill on Monday, afterwards paid a visit to the Queen at Windsor. The Cabinet met on Saturday in Downing-street. It is understood that Ministers decided to ask the House of Commons to concede the whole of Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to the use of the Government in furthering the progress of the Irish Land Bill in Committee. Mr. Gladstone made this proposal on Tuesday; and the proposition was agreed to, after a slight demur from Sir Stafford, Mr. Cowen, and Mr. Chaplain, who, swearing he would ne'er consent, consented. As a reward, Mr. Gladstone held out a hope of the Session being closed "not later than the first week in August."

As Lord F. Cavendish is so churlish in the matter, we would point out to the Premier that the telegraph clerks in the Newcastle district met on Saturday, and resolved that the new scheme of pay is totally inadequate and cannot be accepted as a settlement of their grievances. A similar resolution was passed at a meeting of clerks held at Birmingham. And a general feeling of dissatisfaction exists.

The Home Secretary addressed a large assemblage of Metropolitan and City policemen at Strawberry Hill last Saturday on the occasion of a festival in connection with the Police Orphanage. The right hon. gentleman said that foreigners had often expressed to him their admiration of the unobtrusive but effectual manner in which London is protected. Whatever might be said of the detective force, he believed that as a protective and defensive force the English police had no superior in the world; and if there were defects in the detective force, they were such as were inseparable from the system. Englishmen were "guiltily jealous" of a system of espionage, and the police had therefore to play an open game with men "who employ loaded dice and marked cards, the skulking assassin, the midnight marauder." He expressed the hope that ere long it would be his grateful office to add to the comfort and content of the force all over the kingdom by placing on a fixed and satisfactory footing the superannuation and pension arrangements. Hear, hear! We may add that Mr. Howard Vincent merits warm praise for his active efforts to promote the welfare of this orphanage.

The Review on Saturday, July 9, will be held near Queen Anne's Gate, Windsor Great Park. There will be no stands nor reserved inclosures, and tickets will be issued.

The London Volunteers are diligently training for the Windsor outing. The Manchester regiments will be splendidly represented at Windsor, and it is hoped that, wherever it is possible to do so, employers will give their servants who are members of the different corps facilities for attending the Royal review. Manchester has, for some reason, been passed over in the bestowal of marks of the Queen's favour to the Volunteer force. It is difficult to understand why, if the War Office desired to mark its approbation of hard, zealous, successful work in the promotion of the Volunteer movement, such an officer as Colonel Bridgford should have been passed over.

Dean Stanley on Sunday preached a special service to the Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers in Westminster Abbey.

The volume of papers presented on Monday to Parliament on the Greek Frontier Question contains a letter written by Earl Granville, conveying to Mr. Goschen the thanks of the Queen and of her Majesty's Government for the manner in which, at the sacrifice of all considerations of personal convenience, he discharged the important duties with which he was intrusted.

The trial of the Pachas and others accused of the murder of the late Sultan Aziz commenced in Constantinople on Monday. Nouri Pasha admitted having, by order of a Commission, including Midhat, Ruchdi, and Mahmoud Pashas, ordered the Sultan to be put to death. Midhat denied the existence of such a Commission, and adhered to his statement that Abdul Aziz committed suicide.

M. Dufaure died at Rueil on Monday morning at the age of eighty-three, surrounded by those whom he loved. The event was announced to the Senate by M. Léon Say, and the sitting was immediately suspended out of respect to the memory of the deceased statesman.

Bou-Amema, the Arab chief, continues to cause grave anxieties in Algeria — having eluded two French columns he has marched northward with the view of a raid upon Marchusean, a station of the Alta Company, where large stores are accumulated. The rebel bands have committed terrible outrages on the European population.

The Emperor William will meet the Emperor of Austria at Salzburg, at the beginning of August.

Prince Bismarck has suffered a relapse, and he will not now leave Berlin until he can move about without danger.

The German Federal Council has rejected the Accidents Insurance Bill, on account of the Reichstag having eliminated from the measure the state grant proposed by Prince Bismarck. Meanwhile, the Chancellor's second son, Count William Bismarck, has been delivering in Berlin an energetic speech in favour of his father's financial and commercial policy.

General Ignatieff will propose, it is said, a reduction of 150,000,000 to 200,000,000 roubles in the Russian military expenditure.

The Americans have constructed a railway in Mexico, and its success has led to an immense number of schemes being prepared to open that country by railways, and to connect Mexico with the chief towns of the United States.

A fearful disaster is reported from Mexico. On Friday se'nnight a train conveying troops was thrown into a river by the falling in of a stone bridge. Two hundred persons are said to have been killed, and a large number injured.

Sir Arthur Blyth, the Agent-General for South Australia, has received a telegram from the Government in Adelaide, dated June 24, informing him that the Hon. William Morgan's Ministry had resigned, and been succeeded by the Hon. John Cox Bray, as Chief Secretary and Premier; the Hon. John W. Downer, Attorney-General; the Hon. Lavington Glyde, Treasurer; the Hon. Alfred Catt, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration; the Hon. James Garden Ramsay, Commissioner of Public Works; and the Hon. John Langton Parsons, as Minister of Education.

THE ROBBERY OF MR. STEWART'S REMAINS.

THE confessions of the men concerned in stealing the body of Mr. Stewart, the American millionaire, have enabled the *Star* of New York to give names, dates, and references which throw light upon the mystery. The narrative is sufficiently circumstantial to appear truthful. Details of the negotiations between the thieves and Mr. Stewart's representatives show that the body was first removed to New Jersey, and then brought back to New York and embalmed, causing death by inoculation to the embalmer. It was then taken to Montreal and hidden in a barge on the St. Lawrence river. Subsequently it was removed to West Chester county (not New Jersey, as previously stated), where it was buried in a spot near Mount Vernon, known only to Edward Kelly, whose brother was the principal robber.

The inference to be drawn from the confessions is that Judge Hilton, the representative and chief inheritor of Mr. Stewart's wealth, is not willing to pay the ransom of twenty-five thousand dollars demanded. The *Star*'s detective says privately that he is willing to pay the money, but will give no indemnity against a prosecution.

NEW LEADENHALL MARKET.

On Tuesday afternoon the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of New Leadenhall Market was performed by Mr. H. A. Isaacs, chairman of the Markets Committee. The principle of construction will be in keeping with the new Poultry Market, and the estimated cost about £50,000. After the ceremony, the members of the Corporation adjourned to the Guildhall Tavern to lunch. Of course! We should say—of courses!

THE NEW FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET.

THE new fruit and vegetable market in Smithfield is rapidly approaching completion, and though it is not likely that the present summer will find it available for public use, it will, no doubt, be ready in ample time for the early spring trade next year.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey, or white, or falling off, use "The Mexican Hair Renewer," for it will positively restore in every case grey or white hair to its original colour, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting its growth on bald spots where the glands are not decayed. "The Mexican Hair Renewer" is sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere at 3s. 6d. per Bottle.—[ADVT.]

Our Illustrations.

THE 1881 COMET.

THE brilliant Comet first sighted by Dr. Gould at Buenos Ayres was visible from the northern hemisphere on Wednesday or Thursday night, June 22 or 23; and our Artist depicts the luminous traveller as he saw it

FROM HIGHGATE ARCHWAY

at half-past ten on the following (Friday) night. From observations made at

GREENWICH OBSERVATORY,

it appears that "the head of the comet was far brighter than Capella or any other star in the heavens. In the telescope it showed a structure somewhat resembling Coggia's comet of 1874, with two interlacing arcs of light; that on the preceding side being much brighter and more extensive. There is also a very striking straight wisp of light extending from the nucleus nearly in the direction of the axis of the tail. The comet was examined by Mr. Christy with the large spectroscope, using a dispersion equivalent to that of four prisms of 60 degrees. The spectrum was so bright that only the brightest of the three cometary bands could be measured. It was found that this band coincided in position with that in the flame spectrum of carbon, wave length 5165, and not with that in the second spectrum of carbon, as given by a vacuum tube containing vapour of alcohol. No decided polarisation could be detected."

OUR AMERICAN COUSINS

have furnished some interesting information regarding this new luminary. Professor Stone, of the Cincinnati Observatory, thinks it is not the comet of 1812, because of its not moving in a southerly direction, but that it may possibly be that of 1807. Professors Hall and Eastman, at Washington, think the comet the same as was discovered by Dr. Gould in South America. Computing its motion from its position when discovered, Professor Skinner found that in two days and a quarter the comet moved about ten degrees. On Saturday morning last it became distinctly visible at 1.45, and could be seen until the sun rendered invisible all the stars except Venus Professor Skinner describes it as a much finer comet than Coggia's, which appeared in 1874, and brighter than any since that which appeared in 1843. Professor Henry Draper has photographed the comet. To obtain such a photograph as he would like, he said the plate ought to be exposed for at least an hour, but he has succeeded in getting an exposure of only seventeen minutes, the result being a photograph of the nucleus and part of the tail.

THE COMET OF 1881, AS VIEWED FROM HIGHGATE ARCHWAY, ON FRIDAY NIGHT, JUNE 24.

THE FORMER COMETS

represented in our present Number are Donati's Comet and the Comet of 1861.

DONATI'S COMET

was first observed by Dr. Donati, of Florence, June 2, 1858. It was then computed to be 228,000,000 miles from our little ball of earth. Very brilliant did Donati's Comet look in the heavens when seen in the September and October following from England. The tail was then said to be 40,000,000 miles long; and this particular Comet was memorable for nearly coming into collision with Venus on Oct. 18, 1858. What a theme for an Alhambra Spectacle: "Venus Shaved by the Comet!"

THE GREAT COMET OF 1861

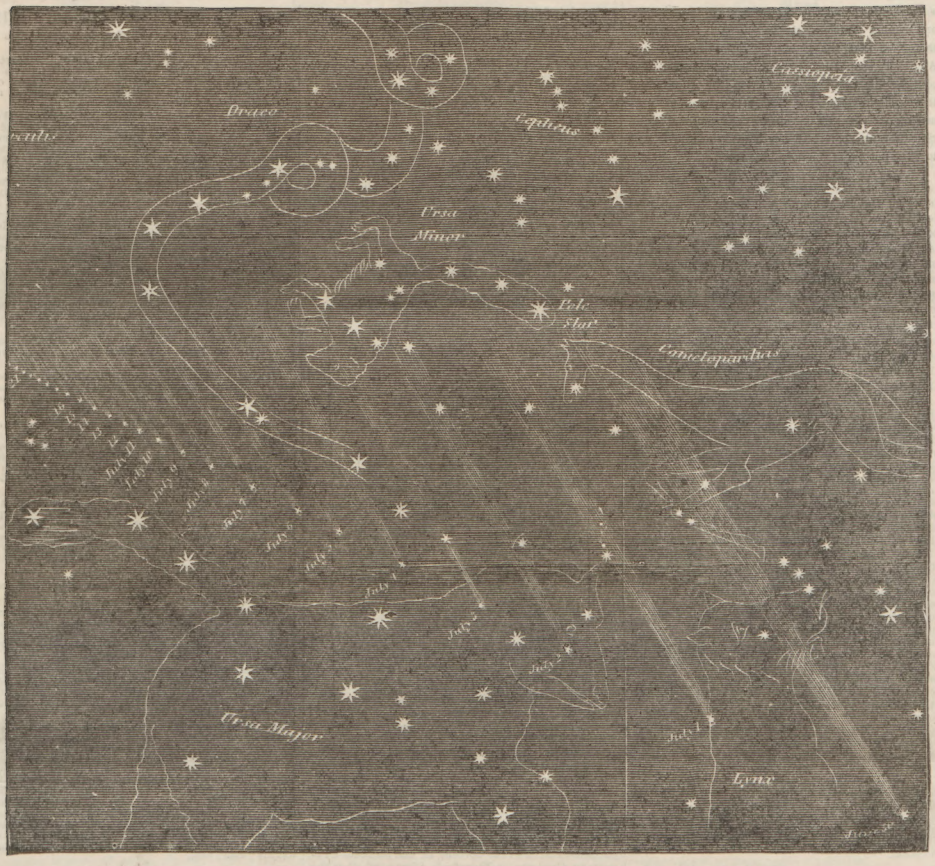
was first seen by Mr. Tebbutt at Sydney, Australia, May 13; and by M. Goldschmidt and others in France and England on June 29 and 30 following. The nucleus was estimated to be 400 miles in diameter, and the tail was of enormous length: but the Comet by no manner of means dragged its slow length along, inasmuch as astronomers reckoned that it travelled at the rate of 10,000,000 miles in twenty-four hours. This erratic visitor—more sedate than Donati's Comet—fought shy of Venus; but was said to have wagged its tail in the face of our own globe on June 30, as there was an unusual "phosphorescent auroral glare" visible at that date.

COURSE OF DONATI'S COMET, AS VIEWED FROM ENGLAND IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 1858.

REVOLUTION IN NAVAL WARFARE.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE POLYPHEMUS

must be placed to the credit of Mr. William Henry Smith's able administration of the Navy, for this death-dealing addition to her Majesty's war-ships was commenced on Sept. 21,



THE GREAT COMET OF 1861: COURSE FROM JUNE 30 TO JULY 21.

1878, during the reign of the late Beaconsfield Government. We must give the Tories their due. Launched from Chatham Dockyard on June 15, under the auspices of the Secretary of the present pragmatical ruler at the Admiralty—a peer as little fitted for his berth as Mr. Namby-Pamby Childers is suited to the War Office—her Majesty's Ram Polyphemus is destined to pursue a meteor-like career—if she ever goes into action. *If!* There's the rub! Under the existing dispensation, our ships of war appear to be doomed in times of peace to be either shattered by gun, boiler, or torpedo explosions, or else to be sent to the bottom by collision or by magazine explosions. Root and branch, the Navy needs reforming every bit as much as the Army does. The great Naval War of the future will be a

HENLEY REGATTA, MOST "TOO TOO" OF RIVER GALAS.
[See "Sports and Pastimes."]

scientific war; and the most skilful engineer will be our coming NELSON. It is of urgent importance, therefore, that the pedagogic First Lord of the Admiralty should bring what he may be pleased to consider his mind to bear upon the question of thoroughly overhauling the service, and of promoting our scientific officers to their reasonable and rightful rank—before all her Majesty's Navy is sent to "the bottom of the deep blue sea."

THE COMET-LIKE WAY

in which the Polyphemus will cause fire and projectiles to pour from her sides and Whitehead torpedoes from her ram when she engages an enemy is well and clearly shown by a skilful marine artist on our front page. May she only have an efficient engineer to command her in the hour of need! This unique vessel is rightly said to be one of the most remarkable examples, if not the most remarkable example, of naval architecture ever floated in connection with naval warfare. She is a double-screw steel armour-plated torpedo-ram. For the design the country is indebted to Mr. R. Barnaby, C.B., Director of Naval Construction.

The hull proper—that is to say, the iron and steel construction—of the Polyphemus resembles somewhat that of the once celebrated Winans cigar-ship—that is to say, she is more or less pointed at the ends, while her midship section approaches the circular; more nearly, however, resembling an ordinary ship with an arched deck. Upon this structure is mounted a superstructure of iron and timber, consisting of a main deck running fore and aft, and above it a hurricane deck. At intervals along the sides of the hurricane deck will be placed six turrets—three on either side—which will carry the heaviest class of Nordenfelt guns, and pour a Gatling-like fire from each side, as is depicted. Protruding upwards through this deck are two protected conning towers, one at each end, which are rigidly connected with the main structure of the vessel, and which form means of ingress and egress to and from her interior. There are also two ventilators and a smoke funnel, which are likewise connected with the main body of the ship. The superstructure itself may all be shot away without in any way injuring the vessel proper or impairing her powers, save only as regards the Nordenfelt guns. The steam steering apparatus is placed below, over the after boiler room, and the steering room is in telegraphic communication with the forward conning tower. She will be propelled by twin screws, which are carried in frunnings, one on each side near her stern. These screws are three-bladed, 14 ft. in diameter, from 15 ft. to 17 ft. pitch, and with a blade surface in each screw of 45 ft. She is also fitted with two rudders, which are placed under her hull near her bows, and can be lowered for use and raised again into recesses, in which they are ordinarily carried. They are intended to be used for special manœuvring purposes.

THE RAM PROJECTS 14 FT.

beyond the body of the vessel, and is made hollow for the discharge of Whitehead torpedoes, as we have also got our artist to indicate. The port or opening is covered by a solid steel cap, which forms the ram-point, but which, by means of a twisted sliding bar, can be easily pushed forward and turned up to allow of the discharge of the torpedo some 8 ft. below water-level, and is as easily closed afterwards. Besides this there are four other torpedo ports for the discharge of the same class of weapon, two being placed on either side of the vessel near the bows, and which are also shown sending out fish-torpedoes. It will be allowed from a glance at this lively design of Mr. Barnaby's Polyphemus that, if we only possessed an Admiralty Board less wooden than that which mismanages the Navy, it might be possible, by making it worth the while of scientific officers of eminence to take supreme command, to maintain Great Britain in the proud position of mistress of the seas.

AFGHAN WAR EPISODE.

"DANDY'S" FIDELITY.

"Dandy," a fine Clumber spaniel, was born in the Punjaub, India, about four years ago; and owned there by the late Rev. G. M. Gordon, of the Church Missionary Society, who conducted an "Itinerant Mission," and made Dandy his invariable, and often sole, companion.

In 1878, on his master volunteering his services as Acting Chaplain to the Expedition to Quetta and Candahar, Dandy accompanied him on foot from Déra Ghâzi Khan, a march of 500 miles! He subsequently went to Cabul with the troops, and again returned to Candahar. Here he lost his master, who was killed when attending to some wounded men in the disastrous sortie against a fortified village on Aug. 16 last; and Dandy was at once cared for by an officer who, wounded in that sortie, soon died. It is Dandy's faithful watch over the dead body of his master, the Rev. G. M. Gordon, that the sympathetic pencil of John Proctor depicts for the benefit of our readers.

He then found a protector in the Rev. A. G. Cave, Acting Chaplain to the Forces, who, on the relief of Candahar by Sir F. Roberts, took him back to Bombay, and secured him a free passage home in H.M.S. Malabar with the gallant 66th Regiment. He was met at Portsmouth by his late master's brother, Major Gordon, R.A., and now lives in ease and comfort at Woolwich.

It is noticeable that many dogs fell victims in that campaign, being either wounded or trodden to death; but Dandy escaped unscathed. The fidelity so common to dogs of this species is well represented by Mr. Proctor, whose vivid portrait of Dandy will also be prized by many of our readers.

The Playgoer.

WE can have music wherever we go now in London. Patti and Albani at Covent Garden, and Nilsson at Her Majesty's satisfy the requirements of Society in the way of Italian Opera. The Concert season is at its height. Mdlle. Liebhart's charming concert in the Steinway Hall on Tuesday reminded her many admirers that the sweet voice of this brilliant vocalist has lost none of its freshness. Mdlle. Ilma di Murska gave distinction to the opening of the Summer Promenade Concerts at Hengler's Cirque, whither the fair and frail will probably flock as freely as ever. Whether inclined or not to submit to the inconvenience of a squeeze in a crowded Promenade (save the mark!), be sure not to miss seeing and hearing Mdlle. Jeanne Granier, to welcome whom in "Le Petit Duc" the Prince and Princess of Wales and a brilliant audience flocked to the Gaiety on Monday night. The Renaissance Company from Paris show us how comic opera should be rendered. Wherefore, I trust some of our doll-like marionnettes who figure in what is supposed to be English Comic opera will study "how the thing is done" by Mdlle. Jeanne Granier, the seductive "Little Duke," by Mdlle. Deschaunes, and M. Jolly.

Mr. Pennington's Recitals will take place in St. James's Hall next Wednesday afternoon under the special patronage of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone. H.R.H. Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, who was present when this popular actor recited at the residence of the Prime Minister, expressed personally to Mr. Pennington the great gratification his recitals had afforded her. "The Charge of the Light Brigade," especially, Mr. Pennington delivers with that dramatic force and graphic realism only possible in the case of one who himself took part in that terrible charge.

Mr. E. H. Brooke has this week given the vast population, of which New Sadler's Wells is the centre, earnest of the vigour with which he has resolved to conduct his promising theatrical campaign. "The Colleen Bawn" and the "Don Giovanni" burlesque formed the staple of the first week's bill. Both were very creditably performed. Pretty girls abound in the burlesque, and some of them are exceptionally attractive and talented. The clever young scenic artist Mr. Brooke has secured, Mr. Spong, has a future before him. With a new programme every week, Mr. Brooke deserves to succeed in his plucky enterprise.

HAVE IT IN YOUR HOUSES. — LAMPLOUGH'S PYRETIC SALINE.—The cure in Smallpox, Fevers, Skin Diseases, of Bilious Sickness. Sold by Chemists, and the only Maker, H. Lamplough, 113, Holborn-hill, London, E.C.—[ADVT.]

STAGE AND ORCHESTRA GOSSIP.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE, while Italian Opera is on, resembles a stationer's shop: it is so full of "paper."

"THE OUTCASTS" is said to be the title of "Dagonet's" new drama for the Princess's. Dramatic authors are nothing if not imitative—in England, at least. Look out, accordingly, for "The Convicts," "The Lepers," and "The Burglars," to follow "The Outcasts."

MR. BRONSON HOWARD'S play, "The Old Love and the New," will be revived at the Princess's this (Saturday) evening. This admirable piece was withdrawn to make room for Modjeska at the Court. Poetical justice will, therefore, be rendered to Mr. Bronson Howard by the revival of "The Old Love and the New" on the cessation of Madame Modjeska's drawing powers at the Princess's. Another time, Mr. Wilson Barrett may not be so ready to be "on with the new love" before he is "off with the old."

WHAT a paucity of capable Acting Managers there is in London! No wonder good theatrical properties run to seed when pretentious, inefficient, bibulous creatures are allowed to be the "Jacks in office" in front of the house!

THE *New York Spirit of the Times* says that John McCullough and Billy Florence won 35,000 dols. on Iroquois at Epsom.

A GRACEFUL FAREWELL FEAST to Mr. and Mrs. Florence and a welcome-home to Marie Rose-Mapleson, on Thursday se'nnight, Mr. Howard Paul!

MR. FLORENCE says the new comedy Mr. George R. Sims has written for him to take home to the States is "very funny."

MADAME GERSTER'S HUSBAND, Dr. Gardini, has been made American Consul at Bologna, and he and his accomplished wife have arrived in London. Madame Gerster is expected to sing in America in concerts this autumn.

ADELINA PATTI'S representative demanded the enormous sum of 400,000 dollars, or upwards of £80,000, for a series of fifty performances in the States. No speculator, however, being courageous enough to offer more than three-fourths of that sum, the professional tour in America of this fortunate prima donna will be conducted, we understand, by her own agents directly on her behalf.

A "MODEL THEATRE," after the pattern of the Théâtre Français in Paris, is about to be formed in Berlin. The chief of the enterprise is Adolph L'Arronge, and his partners in the undertaking are a number of eminent artists, including Ludwig Barnay, Friedrich Haase, Siegwart Niemann, Ernst Possart, Klara Ziegler, Hedwig Raabe, and others.

EMMA JUTAU, the American gymnast, has had great success in Italy.

MR. MOLIER, a wealthy and "horsey" gentleman, who lives at Passy, has built a circus in his garden, and he and a number of his friends devote their leisure time, even all their time, to training horses, teaching poodles to perform, and in practising acrobatic exercises.

A PRIMA DONNA cannot be said to live on a bed of roses when her consort "for better or worse" diligently blackens her eyes. But, perhaps, Mr. —— is so far like Byron that he admires a dark eye in woman, and therefore blackens the optics of his better half.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. CHARLES DILLON.—We regret to announce that Mr. Charles Dillon, the well-known actor, for some time lessee and manager of the Lyceum Theatre, Strand, suddenly dropped dead in the High-street of Hawick on Friday, June 24, in which burgh he was fulfilling an engagement. Mr. Dillon, who was in his sixty-second year at the time of his sudden death, was a native of Suffolk, having been born at Diss in that county in 1819. At the age of thirty-seven he made his first bow to a London public on the stage of Sadler's Wells Theatre. Mr. Dillon's last appearance in London was in September, 1878, in a revival of "A Winter's Tale." But "Belphegor" was his "star" part.

VISITORS who are attracted to the Alexandra Palace by the evening fêtes, before entering the Lamp-lighted Grove for the Baden-Baden Concerts, or sauntering to the Triple Lakes to listen to sweet music under an electric lighted sky, may spend a pleasant and profitable half hour in the toy theatre occupied by "Little Salvini," a child actor, who has not yet completed his eighth year. "Little Salvini" has played at the Duke of Westminster's, where he was introduced by the gracious wife of the present Premier; and Canon Duckworth has written kindly words about him. With a pretty face and figure, with a voice that can thunder and then be all tenderness, with a power and pathos that chain one's attention, "Little Salvini" is one of the brightest and cleverest of baby actors. Should Mr. Irving contemplate playing "King John," or producing a new version of "William Tell" by Mr. Wills, here is the boy for him.

CONFERENCE OF ANGLERS.—A conference of delegates representing metropolitan and provincial angling societies was held last Monday evening at the Society of Arts, Johnstreet, Adelphi—Mr Green, president of the West Central Association, in the chair. The chairman, in opening the proceedings, pointed out the necessity which existed for the better protection of the fresh water fish of the country, and said that the present time afforded a favourable opportunity for them to pass the amendments which it was thought ought to be made in the bill brought in by Mr. Mundella in 1878. At the conclusion of the chairman's remarks the delegates proceeded to consider a series of resolutions, seven in number, framed with the view to the better protection of fresh water fish. On the motion of Mr. Strong (Sheffield Anglers' Association), seconded by Mr. Guest, it was resolved—"That it is desirable to empower any fish protection society to appoint, by writing, under the hand of the chairman, a sufficient number of water bailiffs, who should be authorised to search, seize, and summon." Resolutions having been adopted condemning netting in public waters, and suggesting that persons in the possession of instruments for killing fish "unfairly" in sufficiently suspicious circumstances should be liable to prosecution, it was determined that the close season for pike and perch should be four months—viz., from March 1 to June 30. After some discussion, in which Mr. A. Jardine, Mr. J. P. Wheeldon, and others took part, it was further resolved that the period between April 1 and June 30 should be the close season for all fresh-water fish other than pike and roach; that it was desirable that the Freshwater Fisheries Act, 1878—so far as it related to coarse fish—and the Amending Act, 1881, should be kept free from the Salmon Acts Consolidation Bill; and that a deputation from the meeting should wait upon Sir J. Bailey, M.P., Mr. Dillwyn, M.P., Mr. Dodds, M.P., and Mr. Howard, M.P., in reference to the resolutions passed at the conference.

Law and Crime.

EXTRAORDINARY OUTRAGE ON THE BRIGHTON LINE.

A mysterious occurrence was reported on Monday to the Brighton police. Mr. Arthur Lefroy, of 4, Cathcart-road, Wallington, Surrey, stated to the police authorities at the Townhall that he travelled in the express from London at two p.m. An old gentleman was sitting opposite to him, and a man who had the appearance of a countryman was the only other passenger in the carriage. After passing Croydon, and before entering the tunnel, a shot was fired. Mr. Lefroy says he felt a blow on the head, and had no further recollection until the train reached Preston. He does not know who fired the shot, but is of opinion it was not by the old gentleman. The train did not stop after leaving Croydon till it arrived at Preston Station. Mr. Lefroy then found himself the only occupant of the carriage, in which there was a quantity of blood. After leaving the police office, Mr. Lefroy was taken to the hospital, where the wound on his head, which proved of a rather serious character, was dressed. Information was subsequently received at the Brighton railway station that the body of a man had been found in Balcombe Tunnel. This is the next tunnel the train would pass after the one in which the assault is stated to have taken place. It appears that Lefroy was found in the carriage by the railway officials on their collecting tickets at Preston Park Station. The body was found in Balcombe tunnel, at seven o'clock, with a knife close to it, having been stabbed in various parts. It was that of Mr. Isaac Gould, a London stockbroker, who resided at Preston. He left for London in the morning for the purpose of cashing coupons and doing other business, and was known to have a large amount of cash on him. A pocket-book found on the body contained cards with his address, and the description given corresponds with his attire. Several shots were fired, it seems, as the bullets are embedded in the carriage.

ESCAPE OF LEFROY.

Lefroy, or Mapleton, was brought from Brighton to Croydon last Monday night by two police officers, who, it would appear, left him at the latter place. He then went on to his home at Wallington, but later in the evening the railway police had been put in possession of facts which induced them to endeavour to arrest the suspected person. On their arrival at the man's house he appears to have taken the alarm, and hastily left the place by some means of exit at the rear. The following notice was circulated by the police at an early hour on Tuesday:—

Wanted, for murder, Arthur Mapleton, alias "Lefroy," a reporter, aged twenty-two, height 5 ft. 8 in., thin, dark hair cut short, small dark whiskers, last seen at Wallington at half-past nine on Monday the 27th, with his head bandaged. He was dressed in a dark coat, and wore a low black hat; had scratches upon his throat, and was wounded, it is supposed by a pistol shot. He has a gold open-faced watch, No. 16,261, maker Griffiths, of the Mile-end-road.

THE INQUEST.

Mr. Wynn Lewis, Coroner for the Eastern Division of the County of Sussex, on Wednesday opened the inquiry at the Railway Hotel, Balcombe, touching the death of Mr. Isaac Frederick Gould. The body of Mr. Gould was found in the six-foot way, and it is believed that he died after being thrown out of the train, as his arms were extended above his head. The face is gashed about in a dreadful manner; in fact, the features can scarcely be recognised. His poor widow, however, identified him. Mr. Gould's evidence threw no light on the matter, save that Mr. Gould, who had retired for some years, went to London, as usual, on Monday to collect rents—and never returned!

The correspondent of a contemporary says that Lefroy is not a labourer in the common sense of the term, and it is difficult to say what he is. For some years he went by the name of Mapleton, but only latterly has been known as Arthur Lefroy, his private cards bearing that name and his letters that signature. In some reports he has been spoken of as a "reporter," whilst he described himself as an author and journalist. So far as can be ascertained, he never was employed professionally as a reporter, although he contributed to the local press of the neighbourhood. Lefroy's extreme thinness and the length of his face, adorned by very slight whiskers and moustache, might, perhaps, incline one to think him taller than he really was. His eyes are grey; his teeth and gums are fully exposed when he smiles. In matters of dress he was usually negligent, and customarily wore a tall black hat, and a fairly good black frockcoat. Lefroy is very abstemious. Cricket seemed to be his principal diversion. He admitted having laid a bet or two, and also having lost at cards. In company Lefroy had a manner of ingratiating himself that was remarkable, and in conversation he possessed a power of narrative that was essentially dramatic.

THE BOYD MURDER.

In the Queen's Bench, Dublin, on Monday, Walter Phelan and James Phelan were placed on their trial for the wilful murder of Charles Boyd, at New Ross, on Sunday, Aug. 8 last. The calling of the panel and the swearing of the jury occupied nearly four hours. Mr. Murphy, Q.C., stated the case for the Crown. He said that the evidence to go before the jury was full. On the occasion that Mr. Chas. Boyd lost his life a deliberate attempt was made to take the lives of four gentlemen—Mr. Thomas Boyd, his two sons, Edward and Charles, and his nephew. Three had providentially escaped, and the assassins had only one victim to exult over. If the jury found the evidence that would be placed before them reliable it would be their duty, as men of justice and faithful to their duty, to find a verdict of guilty.

BEND OR LIBEL CASE.

The action for libel brought in the Queen's Bench by Mr. George Barrow against Mr. Smith, the publisher of the *Morning Post*, lasted a week, and was concluded on Tuesday. Mr. Russell, in opening the case for the plaintiff, explained that his client, Mr. George Barrow, had been for some years engaged in the business of a veterinary surgeon, residing at Marlborough, which was in the neighbourhood of several racing stables. The plaintiff had been recently connected with the training establishment at Manton, which was under the superintendence of Mr. Alec. Taylor, the trainer, and at Russley, which was under the charge of Mr. Peck, another trainer. The defendant was the publisher of the *Morning Post*, in the sporting columns of which paper the libel appeared on May 31 of last year, when the Derby was won by Bend Or. It was signed by a correspondent calling himself "Pavo," and advanced these reasons to prove there had been an attempt to "nobble" Bend Or:—

According to his general custom, Peck ordered a dozen steel balls for Bend Or, of Mr. Barraran, which were delivered by the veterinary of the stable to the head lad, who gave the horse the first on the Monday night of the week before the race. Contrary to expectation, it had a specific effect, and the horse slept so soundly afterwards that the boy who looks after him had to rouse him up. The next morning, on Peck proceeding to the box, he quickly recognised the smell of turpentine. The veterinary happened to be present, and suggested that it might be cheese; but Peck replied such a notion, and raised the horse's head, have had a dimetic ball instead of a turnip. The remainder of the parcel was then upon examined, and, on each being broken open, two more were discovered, both from their small and widely different colour like steel balls. The veterinary appeared quite unable to account for such an inexcusable blunder, and at first attributed it to somebody having changed the balls to spite him; but the absurdity of such a suggestion was made manifest by Peck reminding him of the fact that all were rolled up in the same paper, with his own writing upon each. "Bend Or, luckily, had only one of the "wrong uns," or he would have been a "gone coon" so far as the Derby is concerned; and it is not a little remarkable that on the following Wednesday night, at Manchester, all sorts of prices were laid against the favourite, to the astonishment of everybody connected with him.

Justice Field, in summing up the case to the jury, said if the plaintiff had been guilty of giving turpentine or drugs to Bend Or, to prevent the horse winning the Derby, it would be a cruel and fraudulent act; but the defendant denied he had made any such imputation, and only alleged that he charged want of care and skill in the plaintiff as a veterinary surgeon.

The Jury on Tuesday found a verdict for the Plaintiff on the whole of the questions submitted, assessing the damages at £1750.

"KEATING'S POWDER" kills Bugs, Moths, Fleas, Beetles, and all insects (perfectly harmless), harmless to everything but insects. Tins, 6d. and 1s.—[ADVT.]

BEAUTIFUL TEETH.—The Hovenden Tooth-Paste, compounded from the most approved dental simples of the Pharmacopœia, Rose flavour. The cheapest in use. Obtainable of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale of R. Hovenden and Sons, London. Samples post-free 13 penny stamps.—[ADVT.]

A Novice to Mourning.—Mrs. Wyatson's Specimen Syrup should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is perfectly harmless, and very pleasant to taste. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Sold by all Chemists, at 1s. 1½d. per Bottle.—[ADVT.]

Chit-Chat.

HER MAJESTY holds a review of the Scotch Volunteers in Edinburgh on Aug. 25.

THE PRINCE OF WALES has subscribed 100 guineas towards the national memorial to the Earl of Beaconsfield.

THE PRINCE has intimated his intention to visit Derby during the Royal Agricultural Show, fixing Friday, July 15, as the date of his journey.

PRINCES ALBERT VICTOR and George of Wales have again taken up their quarters on board H.M.S. Bacchante, at Melbourne. Their Royal Highnesses have been entertained at dinner by the Marquis of Normanby, Governor of Victoria.

PRINCE LEOPOLD arrived at Nottingham last Monday evening, on a four days' visit to the Duke of St. Albans. The Prince's visit was in connection with the opening of the University Buildings at Nottingham on Thursday.

MR. GRANT DUFF will, it is thought, accept the Governorship of Madras.

A GREAT STORM, with thunder, heavy wind, rain, and hail visited Pennsylvania, United States, on Sunday. Several persons were killed, and great damage was done to the crops.

MR. EDMOND BEALES, County Court Judge, died at his residence, Bolton-gardens, on Sunday, having nearly completed his seventy-eighth year. He will be remembered as President of the Reform League at the time of the Hyde Park riots, brought about by the antagonism of the Tories to Reform.

THE HEALTH OF PRINCE BISMARCK is anything but satisfactory. The same may be said of Germany.

DR. JAMES REID, of Ellon, has been selected by the Queen to take temporary medical charge of the Royal Household, pending the completion of the new arrangements rendered necessary by the resignation of Dr. Marshall on account of ill health.

THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN BALL.—The annual fancy-dress ball, under the patronage of the Queen, in aid of those national charities, the Royal Caledonian Asylum and Royal Scottish Hospital, took place last Monday night at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, under the distinguished patronage of the leading Scottish nobility.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN War Medals are now ready for issue to members of most of the corps belonging to Natal and the Transvaal who served in the military operations in 1877-8-9, and to the next of kin of deceased members.

MR. GOLDWIN SMITH has stated that Canadian farms have been depreciated 20 per cent by the migration of the farmers to Manitoba and the Western States.

MR. PIERRE LORILLARD, owner of Iroquois, is engaged in business as one of the leading tobacco merchants and cigar manufacturers in the States, and at Newport (Rhode Island), the Brighton of New York, where he whiles away the hot spell in one of the costliest "cottages" of that unapproachably costliest resort of fashionable Americans.

THE *Shanghai Courier* reports that the appointment of Commodore Shufeldt, U.S.N., to the command of the Chinese Navy has given special satisfaction to American residents in China.

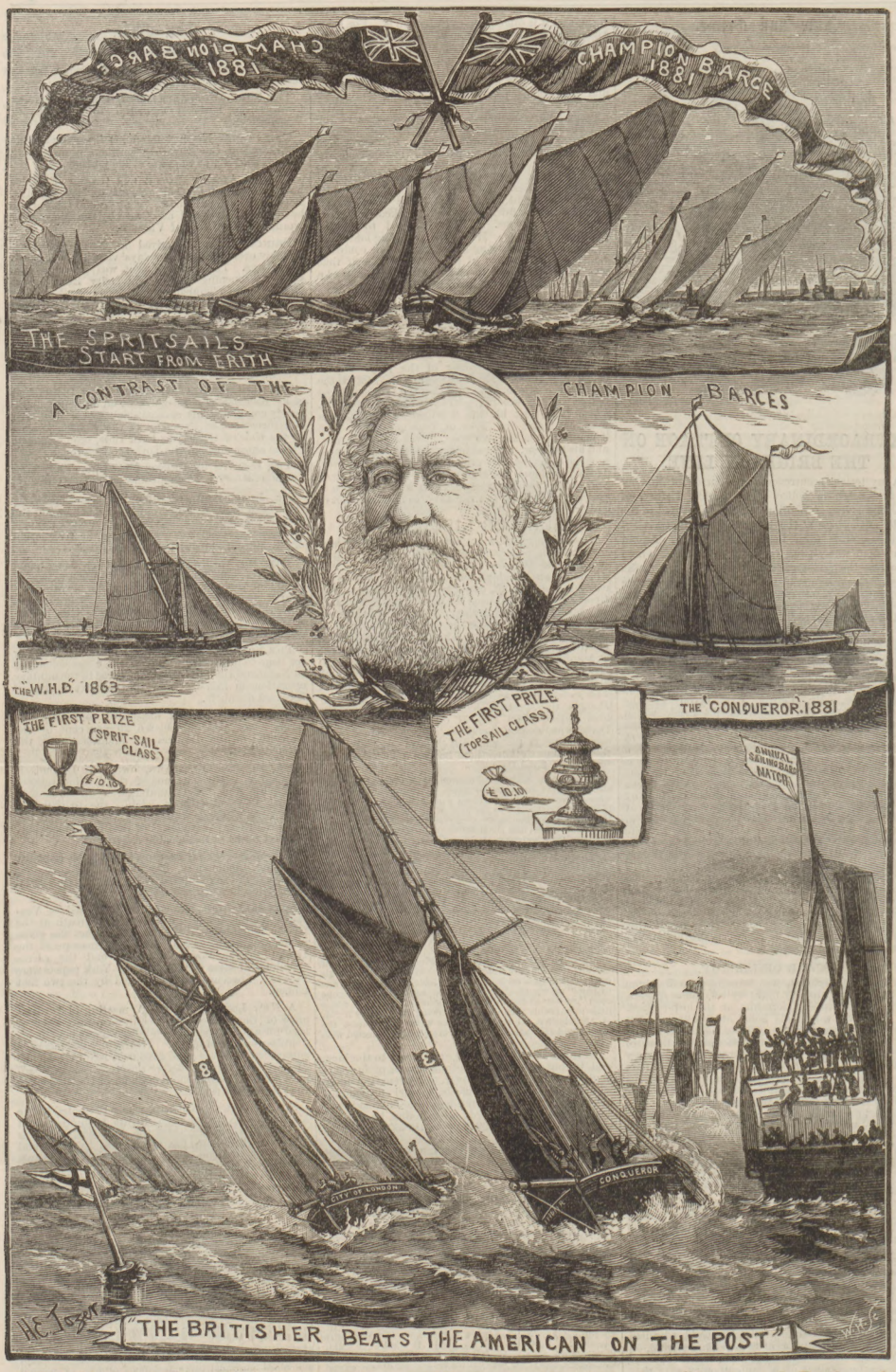
SEVERAL IRISH DELEGATES proceeded to Versailles on Sunday in order to place a wreath at the feet of the statue of Hoche. A banquet was given in the evening, at which Mr. Egan, treasurer of the Land League, James Stephens, and the correspondents of some Dublin and New York papers were present. Speeches were delivered by the two first named.

A NEW LONDON PARK.—A meeting in furtherance of the proposal to acquire a vacant space of land for a public park in Paddington was held at St. John's-wood on Monday. Nearly £20,000 has been subscribed towards the £100,000 required to be raised by subscription before the Metropolitan Board of Works will supply the remainder of the money for the purchase of the land.

SIR HERBERT SANDFORD, who represented at the Melbourne Exhibition the Royal Commission, of which his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is Executive President, has returned to England, and brings with him the complete official roll of awards to British exhibitors. Sir Herbert Sandford is about to issue cards inviting all the British exhibitors to meet him on Wednesday, July 6, at the Victoria Office, 8, Victoria Chambers, Westminster.

DR. BERNAYS ON COCOA.—"What are we to say to Cocoa containing only twelve to twenty per cent of Cocoa? A thin drink of genuine Cocoa would be both wholesomer and cheaper than warm thickened." CADBURY'S ESSENCE is genuine and cheaper in use.—[ADVT.]

WHAT EVERYBODY WANTS TO KNOW.—A gentleman writes:—"Since I have used Eno's Fruit Salt night and morning my headaches, &c., have quite left me; and this is after suffering for above twenty years. You should make this fact well known." ENO'S Fruit Salt or Fruit × Ine (prepared from sound ripe fruit) is a pleasant beverage—sparkling, cooling, refreshing, and invigorating; it keeps the blood pure and prevents bilious attacks by natural means. Sold by all Chemists. Price 2s. 9d. and 4s. 6d. Beware of unprincipled worthless imitations.—[ADVT.]



AMERICA BEATEN: THE CHAMPION BARGE RACE OF 1881.—[See "Sports and Pastimes."]

AFGHAN WAR EPISODE: DANDY'S FIDELITY TO HIS MASTER.—[See Page 6.]

Chat of the Gossips.

["WHAT THE *World* SAYS."]

LADY JULIA WOMBWELL's dance last week was honoured by the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales, who remained till three a.m. On the arrival of their Royal Highnesses, the Princess was presented by Sir George Wombwell with a magnificent bouquet of exotics from the hothouses at Newburgh, in the centre of which, half hidden with the flowers, was a surprise—a mechanical bird, which warbled several charming airs.

Those who have seen Mr. Labouchere only in the House of Commons or in the City would hardly recognise him in the grey-clad gentleman who is taking a "long, long pull and a strong, strong pull" in his skiff, having on board three or four ladies and the proper percentage of children.

After his youthful ramble in America, Mr. Labouchere became attached to the Legation at Washington, where, and in New York, he left the memory of many droll sayings and doings. In Europe he has served in at least half a dozen capitals as attaché, or Embassy or Legation, as the case might be, and has accumulated a vast knowledge of what Mr. Spencer Ponsonby-Fane would call his *pars*.

Two of the best balls of the season were given last week by Mr. Edward Potter in Queen's-gate-gardens, and Mrs. Walter Creyke in Seamore-place. Conspicuous among the beauties at both was Mrs. Arthur Master, who comes from a literary stock, and who is herself likely to win fame in the realms of fiction and poetry.

Sir Evelyn Wood's new girl-baby cannot be said to be badly off in the matter of godmothers. The Queen is one, the Empress Eugénie is the other. The infant bears the name of "Victoria Eugénie."

The appointment of Lord Carington to the captaincy of her Majesty's Body Guard of the Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms has given universal satisfaction, as he is felt to combine in an eminent degree the personal, social, and military qualifications desirable for the post. Lord Carington, besides having served in the Blues, is the Colonel of the Bucks Militia.

On Thursday week the beautiful Miss Nellie Baldock became the beautiful Countess of Kilmorey. And a fairer bride it would have been hard to find. The church was crowded with relatives and friends. The wedding-dress was of richest white satin, embroidered with flowers in pearls and pearl fringes, and trimmed with a flounce of superb point de Flandre and orange-blossoms.

Presents were sent her by the Prince of Wales, the Dukes of Edinburgh, Connaught, and Albany, and the Duke of Teck.

Afternoon weddings are very convenient for the guests. On Tuesday, the 21st, the Hon. Eleanor Roche was married to Mr. Leader, at St. Peter's, Cranley-gardens, at a quarter past three o'clock. The wedding was attended by a good many smart people and pretty women. Amongst the latter, the Hon. Caroline Roche, sister to the bride, and the Hon. Mrs. James Roche, her sister-in-law, were not the least conspicuous.

Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Buller, Coldstream Guards, will shortly be married to Miss Bromley Davenport.

One more strawberry season added to the experience of my life has fully convinced me of the mistake made by a too energetically luxurious world when it eats its strawberries with iced cream. In that happy alliance the berry should be the cooler of the two—*celui qui se laisse aimer*; and its coolness should be the natural coolness of fresh fruit or of spring water—something far more exquisite than the exaggerations of ice—while the cream should be one degree less cold. I will not pause to condemn the barbarian who mixes his strawberries with a vanilla ice, for he is not capable of understanding.

The Marchioness of Bute is making a quick recovery at Chiswick, and the little Baron Windsor has already been baptised—by the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles—into the Church of which his father is a tolerant yet enthusiastic member.

On Sunday morning the veteran journalist-traveller, Mr. Gallenga, left England on the mission assigned to him by the *Times* of penetrating into Siberia, and seeing for himself the condition of the unfortunates kept in exile in that dismal region.

The Oatlands Park Hotel presented a brilliant spectacle last Friday evening, when the new ball-room, which has just been built, was inaugurated by a dance which was attended by nearly four hundred people, many of whom had come from London in full season for this interesting function. By a happy though fortuitous conjunction, it was the first night the new comet was really visible, and so, after dancing in the new room, the thing was to take one's partner out on the lovely terrace at Oatlands to see the new luminary.

A special correspondent who has just returned from Tunis tells me that the French troops have not improved in any way since the Franco-Prussian war. They are young men, and are very slovenly in their drill. On the other hand, he says that the Italian army is in splendid condition, and would have a good chance in a war with the French.

Mr. Gordon Bennett intends having the largest steam-yacht in the world, and is building one of 800 tons. The largest English steam-yacht is the Wanderer, 750 tons, now on a voyage round the world. Mr. Stewart's Amy is the next largest, she being 600 tons.

I regret to see the famous sign of St. George and the Dragon at Mrs. Wyatt's at Wargrave, painted by Mr. George Leslie and Mr. Hodgson, has suffered severely from the weather.

I have the best authority for stating that the reasons for not holding the Volunteer Review in Hyde Park are as follows: A predetermination was discovered to exist on the part of certain Radical organisations to "rush" any inclosures that might have been deemed desirable for the protection of the park and convenience of what may be termed the privileged classes. The knowledge of this naturally made her Majesty feel somewhat nervous and uncomfortable, and so the venue was changed to Windsor, where there are literally to be no inclosures, restrictions, or reserved places.

OUR IRISH LETTER.

THE EXODUS.

IT is truly a pitiable sight to witness the never-failing flow of emigrants who embark daily for America at Queenstown, seeking that living which is being denied them at home.

Fair, fresh young girls and stalwart men forced to sunder every domestic tie, every chord of affection, to face a world and dangers, of which they positively know nothing, in search of bread.

No stronger proof than this is needed to show that

REMEDIAL MEASURES ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED,

and not needlessly demanded, to place the Tenant Farmers of Ireland on a secure and substantial footing in the land, for most, if not all, of those who are quitting their native land for ever belong to the agricultural class.

Looking at matters from an independent and impartial standpoint, it is certainly more than surprising that at the present time, when landlords, anticipating the action of the Land Bill, are positively deluging the country with writs and evictions, the number of agrarian outrages should be so comparatively few. This is not the result of the late Coercion Act, for since its enactment, and up to a very recent period, the popular opposition to military force and the total disregard for legal authority were never so manifest.

A DARING OUTRAGE

is reported from the County Galway, however. On Monday week last, as Mr. John Lambert, J.P., of Aggard, was driving with his son to the Petty Sessions, four shots were fired at him from behind a hedge, none of which, fortunately, took effect. One bullet, however, grazed Mr. Lambert's head, and he fell out of his vehicle—most probably through fright—but did not sustain any material injury.

"ROUGH TREATMENT."

Mr. Robert H. E. White, of Glengariffe, cousin to Lord Bantry, while visiting his property last week met with some very rough treatment at the hands of his tenantry, and was obliged to draw his revolver to protect himself. Mr. White has become very unpopular in the district, having given no reduction to his tenants.

ARRESTS UNDER THE COERCION ACT

have been somewhat numerous, but still unimportant. This Act has now been in force for some time, and still the question is asked, What good has it done? Of course, it has curtailed the liberties of a great number of persons, many of whom undoubtedly were innocent of any act against the law, but certainly it has not in any way directly diminished the outrages or the agitation, to suppress which it was specially enacted. This Coercion Act, as well as every other penal law put in force in Ireland for past generations, is perfectly powerless to attain the end for which it was enacted. Coercion does not remove a grievance. It rather adds to it; and while that grievance remains, so long will the Irish people agitate for its removal, and call upon the English Cabinet, with a voice that in the end must be heard, for simple justice. And Parliament had never a more fitting opportunity than the present for consulting the Irish and the English people in one common bond of love and friendship by acceding in a generous spirit to the just demands made by the unanimous voice of the Irish nation.

JUSTIN.

Sports and Pastimes.

HENLEY REGATTA.

SUCH a brilliantly beautiful picture does Henley Regatta present—when the sun vouchsafes to shine upon the rainbow-hued reach of gaily painted shallops laden with fair ladies "in silk attire"—that we wonder the entrancing scene has never formed the subject of one of those attractive Coloured Supplements which are occasionally given with the *Illustrated London News*. Delicately and gracefully drawn—say, by BOUGHTON or LESLIE—this realisation of "Youth on the prow, and Pleasure at the helm" would become a treasured souvenir of one of the loveliest sights the mind can conceive. What is the racing to the great majority who take part in this enjoyable river holiday? Nothing, save to add some sauce piquante to the picnic, which our Artist with reason limn as the chief charm of a boat-race.

This year's Regatta is pleasantly noteworthy—pleasantly to all except the bears of Henley, who have had the wretchedly bad taste to offer our plucky American visitors the cold shoulder—for the arrival of a representative four from Cornell University to measure blades with our crack amateur crews. We observe the portraits of these young gentlemen from the other side of the Atlantic are seasonably given in the current Number of *The Boys' Illustrated News*. There is a resolute look about them. They are heartily welcome. Whatever their success, they were sure of fair play and a cordial greeting from the English boating fraternity generally, who completely dwarf the miserably supercilious and empty-headed cads who rule the roast at Henley. Leaving the Cornell men with our best wishes, we may remark that the entries for Henley afforded every prospect of an interesting meeting on Thursday and Friday. The Grand Challenge included, of course, its regular supporters, London, Kingston, and Thames. Dublin, who had hitherto confined their ambition to the Ladies' Plate, which they won in 1876, also entered for the Grand. Leander, last year's winners, again bring up a very strong boat, containing some known and skilled oarsmen of various styles. For the Ladies' Plate, dears had the best chance, Eton and First Trinity being also dangerous. In the Thames Cup were the second eights of the London and Thames Clubs, as well as crews from the West London and Twickenham. The Thames Club, who hold the Stewards' Cup, had three out of four of their last year's crew, including Hastie in the all-important character of pilot, and they therefore ought to beat the Cornell men, and win the cup again. Much the same may be said of the Wyfold. The Public Schools' Cup was evidently popular, seven crews having entered. Of the four pairs entered for the Goblets, one came from Paris. Brown and Buck, of Hertford College, Oxford, are entitled to respect as Blues, but pair-oared work demands so much beyond mere rowing that their success against more practised hands would be surprising. Both Leader and Payne and Playford and Adcock have been together a good deal, and the former secured the advantage of coming to the start fresh, while Adcock and Playford were engaged also in eights and fours. None ought to be able, however, to beat Eyre and Hastie, who have already won twice, in 1877 and last year. On paper the Diamond Sculls should go a mortal for Lowndes, of Oxford, who has already won twice, but he will now be opposed by some fresh talent, notably Grove and Evanson, of the London Club.

MYERS AND MERRILL VICTORIOUS.

Beneath the excellent portrait of Mr. L. E. Myers, reproduced from the *Boys' Illustrated News*, a report of the dashing young American's victory at Stamford-bridge last Saturday is given. But a brief account of his triumph may also be repeated in our weekly chronicle of sport; and a few words devoted to the success of his fellow-countryman, Mr. Merrill, of whom a lifelike drawing, representing his admirably fair style of walking, appears in this week's number of the *Boys' Illustrated News*, which journal athletes generally are beginning to take an interest in, we are glad to hear.

It was in conjunction with the Manhattan Athletic Club of New York, U.S.A., that the London Athletic Club held their second summer meeting at the club ground, Stamford-bridge, on Saturday afternoon. Notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather, rain falling heavily throughout the afternoon, a very large company, numbering some 5000, attended; as on this occasion the extra attractions already referred to were offered to athletic enthusiasts, Mr. Merrill, of the Union Athletic Club, Boston, Mass., taking part in the Two Miles Walking Race, and Mr. L. E. Myers, the champion amateur of America, in the level Quarter Mile Race. Our distinguished visitors well maintained the reputations that have preceded them, as they each won their respective races with consummate ease. With regard to Mr. Merrill, his style is simply perfection. He walks scrupulously fair, with beautiful upright action, and a long, free, raking stride. The time, 14 min. 25 2-5 sec., was a highly creditable performance, as he was never pressed once during the race. He was opposed by G. P. Beckley, L.A.C., and T. A. Murphy, Highgate Harriers; the former was second, completing the distance in 15 min. 14 sec. In the level Quarter, L. E. Myers was opposed by W. P. Phillips, T. H. Baker, A. S. Smith, T. A. Guinness, and J. P. Mu-pratt, all L.A.C. men. The American showed us how that we have never before seen in this country. His style of running is totally different to our ideas of progression, and he runs so loosely and easily that he appears to "skim o'er the ground." Myers took the lead after the first 220 yards, and, going away without an effort, won with the greatest ease by ten yards, in the splendid time of 49 min. 4-5 sec.

The other sport does not call for special comment. W. Lawrence, O.U.A.C., won the hammer with a throw of 101 ft. 6 in.; C. L. Loeton, L.A.C., the wide jump, 21 ft. 6 in.; H. M. Massey, L.A.C., the level 100 yards in 10 2-5 sec.; J. M. Cowie, finishing second; E. Jarvis, 75 yards start, the 100 yards members; and J. G. Bridgewater, L.A.C., 7 yards start, the 220 yards open. Twenty started for the Open Half-mile, which was carried off by F. H. Lloyd, 40 yards start, after a fine race with the scratch man, T. K. Holman, by a foot, in 1 min. 59 3-5 sec., while the Open Mile Race resulted in favour of J. A. Voelcker, L.A.C., 30 yards start, the time being 4 min. 28 sec. This race concluded a very long programme, that had taken five hours to run through.

The American Comets will be again visible at the Stam-

ford-bridge Grounds of the London Athletic Club this (Saturday) afternoon, when we trust the weather will be fine for them. At five o'clock there will be a Half-mile Level Race (open to amateurs), in which Mr. L. E. Myers, of the Manhattan A.C., will run. The following have also entered:—S. H. Baker, W. Boulger, F. Chattaway, T. A. Guinness, S. K. Holman, W. Lock, W. P. Phillips, J. D. Sadler, and H. D. Thomas. It is expected that amateur record time will be again beaten. Previously, at half-past four, there will be a Three Miles Walking Level Race (open to amateurs), in which Mr. Merrill will compete. The following entries have also been received:—G. P. Beckley, W. E. N. Coston, J. A. Squires.

The race between Captain Webb and W. Beckwith, who had been swimming during the past week in the tank at the Westminster Aquarium ten hours a day, for a stake of £400, was brought to a conclusion at eleven o'clock last Saturday night, before a large and enthusiastic audience. The result, as was generally anticipated some days since, was a foregone conclusion for Beckwith, whose vast improvement since he first took part in a race of this description has astonished everyone, and none more so than himself. Indeed, both men have smothered all records. The last day's work, as usual, was commenced sharp to time, both men diving punctually at one o'clock. The Captain, who had had a very hard day's swimming on Friday, looked rather worn, but commenced in his usual steady style, completing his first mile in 40 min. 3 sec. The little champion still moved in grand form and at a great pace, his first mile (total, 81 miles 92 laps) taking him 35 min. 18 sec. only. Ultimately, Beckwith finished the easiest of winners, the full score at the finish being—Beckwith, 94 miles 32 laps; Webb, 92 miles 12 laps.

Willie Beckwith has since resumed his graceful swimming performances, in company with his mermaid of a sister, in the Aquarium tank.

A fish out of water! We deeply regret to state that whilst out riding his bicycle on Friday week, at Surbiton, Mr. Horace Davenport the ex-champion amateur swimmer, fell, and unfortunately fractured his right arm in two places.

Lord's looked splendid on Sunday, the grounds being in fine condition for Oxford v. Cambridge. But rain on Monday so seriously interfered with the play that only moderate progress was made in the forty-seventh contest between the great Universities. Curious as the chance of cricket may be, it is seldom that a great change comes over a game with such suddenness as it did on Monday. Patterson and Trevor had put on 88 for Oxford in fine style, and then three wickets fell without another run. Lesson was a complete disappointment; and but for the good hitting of Kemp and Mclachlan, Oxford would have fared miserably. G. B. Studd was out from the first ball bowled in the Cambridge innings, but then Bligh and C. T. Studd hit with freedom, the Light Blue captain appearing to score with almost his old power. After the last heavy shower the batting was at a disadvantage, and the Oxonians made the most of their chance. The best cricket of the day was shown by Trevor and C. T. Studd, who between them scored 75 out of the 202 runs off the bat. Oxford put together a first innings of 131; and at the call of time Cambridge were 81 for four wickets, or exactly 50 runs behind, with six wickets to fall. The contest was continued on Tuesday and Wednesday, when the Light Blue colours were lowered. Oxford dismissing the Cantabs in their second innings with ease, and winning the game by 135 runs. Mr. H. Barlow also made the fine record of 107 in Oxford's second innings. Scores: Oxford, 131 and 306; Cambridge, 179 and 123.

The new Nottingham Eleven were disposed of very cheaply on Monday on the Trent-bridge Ground. The weakness of the batting was painfully apparent, and a poor resistance was offered to the bowling of Peate and Bates. It has now been clearly proved that the new eleven are unable to hold their own in first-class company.

In the first match between Derbyshire and Lancashire Mr. Hornby scored 188; and on Monday, when the return was commenced at Derby, he scored 75, not out, out of a total of 117. There was a very short day's play owing to rain, and the Lancashire amateur's batting was the sole feature of the cricket.

Below will be found the names of the elevens selected to play at the Oval for the Gentlemen and Players at the close of the week. With regret it will be seen that Shaw, Morley, and Barnes are all absent from the Players' team. The reason of this is that the Surrey Club would not allow any of its men to play at variance with the Nottingham County Committee. Select Gentlemen: Messrs. W. G. Grace, A. N. Hornby, A. P. Lucas, E. Ferris, C. F. H. Leslie, A. H. Evans, A. G. Steel, C. T. Studd, G. B. Studd, R. T. Ellis, and E. F. S. Tylecote. Players: Barlow, Pilling, Midwinter, Robinson, Gunn, Lockwood, Emmett, Ulyett, Hill, Bates, and Peate.

The single-handed lawn tennis-match between the representative players of Oxford and Cambridge Universities was decided last Saturday at the Queen's Club, Shoreditch. The players were—for Oxford, R. W. Buddell, T. P. D. Hogg, and J. G. Horn; and for Cambridge, B. F. Buxton, H. C. Goodhart, and E. McMaster. As on the previous day, when the Oxonians won the doubles-handed match by nine matches to love, the result was a victory for the Dark Blues, the score being—Oxford, five matches; Cambridge, four.

The Newcastle-on-Tyne and Stockbridge Races have been the Turf attractions of this week. Enormous crowds collected on the Town Moor on Wednesday to witness the race for the Northumberland Plate, which, notwithstanding the curious betting transactions for which it is notorious, is yet very popular in the North; while at Stockbridge the attendance was smaller and more select, and the racing more enjoyable. This was the result of the Northumberland Plate:—Bonnie Doon, 1; Triumvir, 2; Hogioscope, 3.

At the Cinque Ports Regatta there was a grand breeze on Saturday, and two good races were sailed round the Varne and South Goodwin. The entries were limited, there being only two schooners in one race and a trio of yawls in another. The Miranda had to be hard sailed to beat the Jessica; but, on the other hand, the Latona ran away from the Florinda, while the Gudrun was overpowered by both. The Daphne was returned winner of the cutter-match on Friday, which, owing to calms, was a long and tedious affair, and lasted throughout the night and into another day. The Arethusa beat the Opal in the yawl-match.

The Lombard Bicycle Club held their fifth annual meeting at Catford Bridge on Saturday. In a few instances the contests were keen and exciting, the final of the Open Mile and the Five-Miles Invitation Race being really worth witnessing, A. Tarling, Pickwick (60 yards start), proving victorious in the former, whilst C. E. Liles (the one-mile amateur champion) was the popular winner of the latter.

The second annual fifty miles road-race for the Tricycle Championship, promoted by the Tricycle Association, took place on Saturday last, from Hounslow to Maidenhead, Marlow, and back. Results:—G. Lacy Hillier, Finchley T. C., 5h in. Humber, first (time, 4 hours 53 min. 17 sec.); P. G. Hobblethwaite, Dewsbury B.C., 60in. Omnicycle, second (time, 5 hours 39 min. 50 sec.); H. A. Venables, Civil Service B.C., 52 in. Humber, third (time, 5 hours 55 min. 4 sec.); W. B. Barker, Finchley B.C., 52 in. Cheylesmore, fourth (time, 5 hours 59 min. 20 sec.); C. D. Vesey, Surrey B.C., Coventry Rotary, fifth (time, 5 hours 47 min. 15 sec.); H. Smith, Finchley T.C., Cheylesmore, sixth (time, 6 hours 30 min.).

For lady tricyclists—Princess Beatrice is one—Messrs. Sammel Brothers have designed a new costume, which they call "The Velocipedienne."

At the Southampton Athletic Club's sports last Saturday, W. E. N. Coston (scratch) won the two-mile walking handicap by fifty yards from Hound, who had 300 yards' start. Time, 15 min. 47 sec.

T. Barnes, of Jarrow, and H. Atkinson, of Felling, rowed an open boat-race last Monday on the Tyne for £50 a side. The course was from the Meadow House to Armstrong's platform, a distance of about two miles. Atkinson went in an easy winner by six lengths.

Now is your time, English scullers, to prepare for the national contest Messrs. Chinnery have had the credit to set on foot! The undermentioned sculling races, open only to natives of Great Britain and Ireland, will take place on Sept. 9, 10, and 12 next, under the management of Messrs. E. D. Brickwood, F. Fenner, J. Hall, D. Goadie, F. S. Gulston, and G. Ryan. The prizes will be given by Messrs. W. M. and H. J. Chinnery. Principal Race.—First prize, £120; second prize, £20; third prize, £10. Course—trial-heats between Putney and Chiswick; final heat, Putney to Mortlake. Junior Race (open to those who have not won a stake of more than £20 in a sculling race, to be rowed on fixed seats).—First prize, £50; second, £10; third, £5. Course—Putney to Hammersmith for trial-heats; final heat, Putney to Chiswick. Entries close on Sept. 1, with J. H. D. Goldie, at London rowing Club's Boat-house, Putney. The entrance fee of competitors who row the course will be returned. The races will be rowed under the rules of the Thames National Regatta.

Molesey Regatta is fixed for Saturday, July 23.

A four miles walking-match, for £100 a side, was decided at Lillie-bridge Grounds last Monday, the competitors being John Cash, of Billingsgate, and Alfred Hoylett, of Norwich. Hoylett walked in far better style than Cash, though the Billingsgate lad certainly showed good form throughout. Cash won by 30 yards; time, 29 min. 36½ sec.

Swimmers may well feel indebted to Mr. McFarlane, proprietor of the *Sporting Life*, for the prizes he is about to give for the Mile Professional Championship and the Half-mile Amateur Championship. The latter event will be contested on July 16 in open still water. The prizes presented are to be as follow:—First, a silver challenge cup, weighing 60 oz., value £30, and gold medal, value £5; second, gold medal, value £3; third, gold centre medal, value £2. Entrance-fee (7s. 6d.) must be sent to the Editor of the *Sporting Life*, 148, Fleet-street, marked on the envelope, "Swimming," containing address and Club (if any), by Monday, July 11. The Mile Professional Championship will be swum on July 30, in open still water. The prizes presented by the *Sporting Life* are as follow:—First, a silver challenge cup, weighing 60oz., value £30, and £10; second, £5; third, £2 10s. All entrance-fees to be divided among fourth and fifth men, and the gate-money given to the first and second. Entrance-fee (7s. 6d.) to be sent to the Editor of the *Sporting Life*, 148, Fleet-street, marked on the envelope, "Swimming," by July 25.

The Ilex Swimming Club is waking up. A 200-yards handicap (open to competitors in the Henley Regatta and members) will be decided to-day, July 2, at Henley.

A six-days' bicycle tournament, twelve hours each day, was commenced on Monday in a marquee on Newcastle Town Moor. The following started in the competition at eleven o'clock a.m.:—G. W. Waller, W. Cann, H. Higham, F. J. Lees, J. W. Lumb, W. Parks, J. Speene (Seaton Delaval), J. Tunnard, W. Tyre (Byker), and T. Mattinsby (Cramlington). Waller went away with the lead, which he held until the eighty-fourth mile had been traversed, when Lees went to the front, which position he held for the rest of the day.

The Inter-University race between the Harvard and Columbian eights was rowed at New London last Monday, the Harvards having shaken off the Columbians, won with ease by 13 sec. The time for the full course (four miles) was 21 min. 45 sec.

One of the healthiest and most useful organisations in London for a large class of muscular youths and young men is the Union of Working Men's Clubs and Institutes. The unpretentious and efficient athletes whom this Union brings together assembled in goodly numbers last Saturday at Lillie-bridge, where the representatives of the Livingstone Club and St. Mark's Club distinguished themselves most. A. Isaacs, of the Livingstone, must be a fair all-round athlete, as he won the high jump, the mile race, and the 880 yards race—all in one afternoon.

ANNUAL SAILING-BARGE MATCH.

The nineteenth annual sailing-match for topsail and spritsail barges took place on June 21, the course being, as usual, from Erith to the Nore and back. Mr. H. E. Tower attended the race for this occasion, and gives a spirited Illustration, the interest of which will be increased by the good portrait of Mr. Dodd, the founder of this exceedingly popular and useful contest.

The weather was exceedingly favourable. There were altogether sixteen barges entered for the race—ten topsail and six spritsail. On the way down, the Four Sisters and the Frances met with mishaps, which threw them out. The Duchess of Kent was the first to round the Nore, speedily followed by the City of London. In the return journey, the race between the City of London and Conqueror was most exciting. In the tacks the Conqueror overhauled the City of London, but when in a fair race the City of London increased the distance between the two. When off Gravesend, which was reached about a quarter to four, the Conqueror closed up, but the City of London resumed the lead, sports being occasionally made by Conqueror. The victory of the former was regarded as a matter of certainty. The owner, Mr. A. H. Keep, was being heartily congratulated by numerous friends, and he, in turn, as an American, was expressing his satisfaction that as the Derby and the Grand Prix at Paris had proved a triumph for America, the result of the annual sailing-barge match would be a fitting addition to recent Transatlantic successes. Just, however, as the winning point was reached, Conqueror proved its title to its name by suddenly going to windward of its rival, and coming in first, amidst cheers.

The following is the order of arrival:—Topsails: Conqueror, 4h. 50 min. 25 sec.; City of London, 4h. 50 min. 45 sec.; Saucy Kent, 4h. 53 min. 10 sec.; Thames, 4h. 54 min. 55 sec.; Curlew, 4h. 59 min. 30 sec.; Challenger, 5h. 0 min. 15 sec.; Bras de Fer, 5h. 1 min. 7 sec.; Frances and Four Sisters, 5h. 5 min.; and William Paxton, 5h. 15 min. 30 sec. As Frances and Four Sisters were coming in abreast, the latter was again unfortunate. Some of the gear of the vessel came in contact, and her topsail was carried away. The order of the spritsails was:—Early Bird, 4h. 50 min. 5 sec.; Millie, 4h. 50 min. 10 sec.; Duchess of Kent, 5h. 4 min. 15 sec.; Kaiulu, 5h. 10 min. 45 sec. There were four prizes for each description of barge; those for topsails varying from a £21 silver cup to the owner and £10 10s. to the crew, to a £5 cup and £2 2s. to the crew. The winners of the first prizes also received a champion flag.

WINDSOR REVIEW.

PRINCE CHRISTIAN, accompanied by Princess Christian, proceeded from Cumberland Lodge to the ground in Windsor Great Park on Monday, in order to inspect the preparations for the review of volunteers by her Majesty on Saturday next. The Prince and Princess were accompanied by Mr. Simmonds, surveyor.

The private portion of the Home Park on the south side of the Thames has, it is understood, been placed at the disposal of the War Office, and this has accordingly been selected as a rendezvous for the regiments arriving at Datchet by the South-Western Railway, and who will have to cross the Thames. Here, too, a camp of the Royal Engineers, who will have to construct the pontoon-bridge from the Bucks shore over the river to the Queen's Drive, will be formed. At Bear's Rails, where the second principal encampment will be formed, to the east of the Long Walk, an excellent water supply has been obtained.

The 11th Middlesex Rifles will encamp on Ascot Racecourse from July 8 till July 11, and the other corps about to encamp upon the Royal demesne are the Hon. Artillery Company and the Royal Naval Volunteers.

The officers of the Staff who will have charge of the various points of arrival on the South-Western Railway are Colonel Lord William Seymour, who will control the moving of the volunteers reaching Datchet; Captain Gill, R.E., who will be stationed at Egham; Captain Rothwell, at Virginia Water; and Colonel Butler at Ascot.

General Sir Garnet Wolseley, in company with Major Furse (Assistant Quartermaster-General), and Mr. E. W. Verrinder (superintendent of the South-Western Railway), have visited Ascot and inspected the site of the proposed encampment on the heath.

WIMBLEDON MEETING.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES

has consented to distribute the prizes to the successful competitors at the forthcoming Wimbledon meeting, on Saturday, July 23.

THE CANADIAN RIFLE TEAM

will go to Wimbledon a week earlier than usual this year. Preparations have been made for their reception, and, as at present arranged, they will go to the Camp on Monday next, foregoing their usual preliminary practice.

It is also expected that there will be

AN AMERICAN TEAM—

although not an official one—at Wimbledon to compete in an international match which is in course of arrangement.

A FIRE broke out on Monday evening on board the Calais-Douvres, doing considerable damage in the dining saloon. Happily, the twin-vessel was in port.

MRS. LEACH'S FAMILY DRESSMAKER for July contains forty Illustrations of Dolmans, Mantles, and useful Costumes, with plain instructions for making at home. It also contains practical papers on middle-class cookery, valuable hints to housewives and mothers, with lessons on art needlework.

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DRESSMAKER as well as to mothers, for the paper patterns are the cheapest and most reliable. The FAMILY DRESSMAKER and the CHILDREN'S DRESSMAKER contain numerous illustrations of the latest costumes, jackets, and underclothing, showing how to cut out, make up, and materials required. The two books may be had for four stamps, post-free, of Mrs. Leach, 8, Johnson's-court, Fleet-street, London; or ask any newsagent for them.—[ADVT.]

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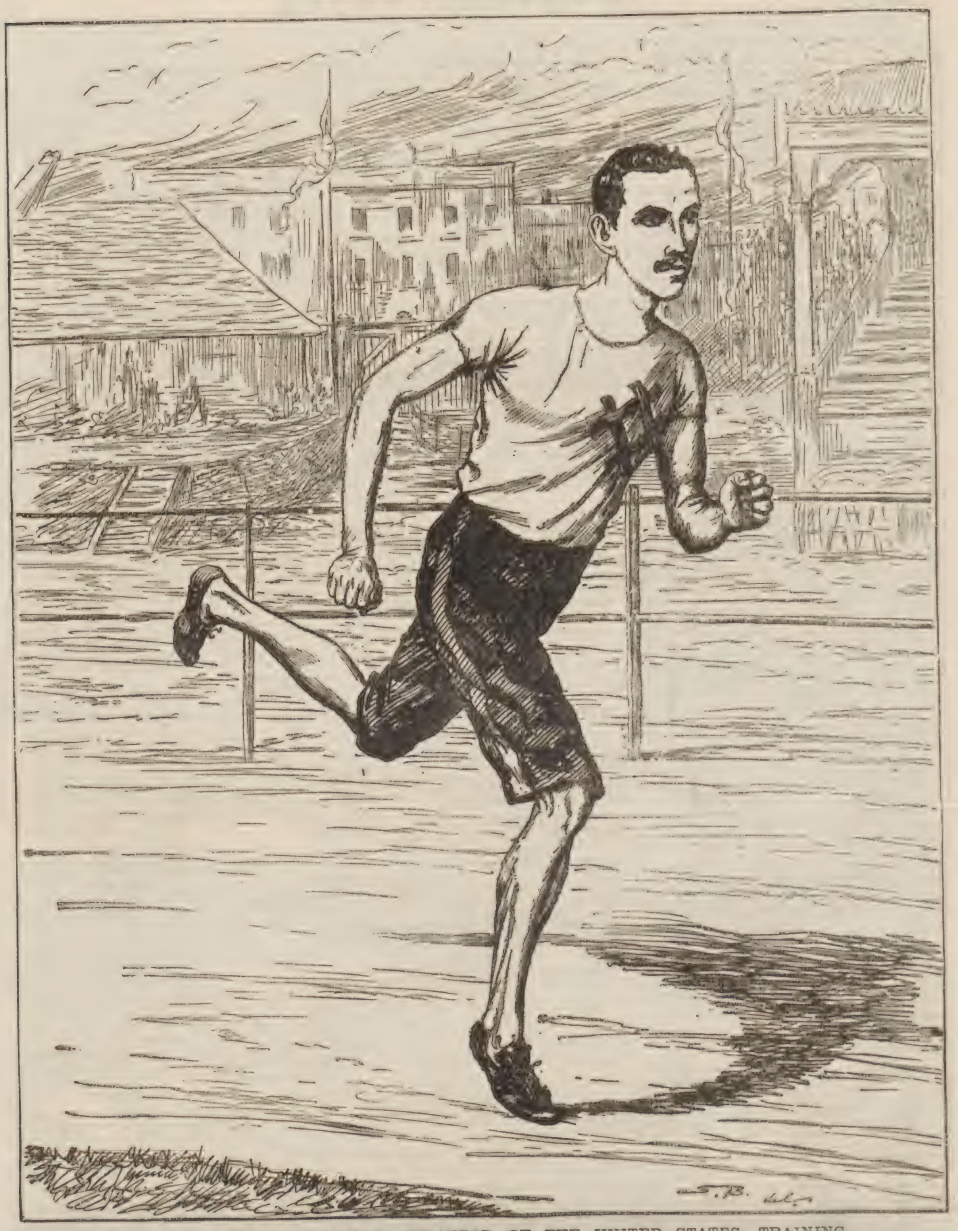

MR. L. E. MYERS, CHAMPION SPRINTER OF THE UNITED STATES, TRAINING.

MORE STARS FOR AMERICA AND STRIPES FOR ENGLAND!

We copy from *The Boys' Illustrated News* the characteristic portrait of Mr. L. E. Myers, which is worthy the well-won reputation of that best of youths' journals for lifelike drawings of athletic celebrities. The two famous American athletes—L. E. Myers and E. Merrill—who recently arrived in this country, made their first public appearance in England last Saturday afternoon at Stamford-bridge, the occasion being the Second Summer Meeting of the London Athletic Club. Unfortunately, the weather was of the most wretched character. Rain fell heavily all through the early part of the afternoon; but held up just before the time set for the decision of the important races. As nearly everyone went to see the Americans, some of the handicaps might, with advantage, have been postponed.

Mr. Myers, of the Manhattan Athletic Club, New York, is a slim, short young fellow, weighing only about 8 st. 2 lb. His American record is a marvellous one; and, after the form shown by him on Saturday, there can be no reason to doubt the performances with which he has been credited. He runs from 100 yards to a mile, but is seen to the greatest advantage at the intermediate distances—300 yards, a quarter-mile, half-mile, and 1000 yards. Immediately after the walking-match, won by Merrill, came a level quarter-mile race, in which Mr. Myers met five English amateurs—Messrs. W. P. Phillips, A. S. Smith, S. H. Baker, T. A. Guinness, and J. P. Muspratt—all members of the L.A.C. Of these five, Phillips is decidedly the best.

On the pistol being fired Myers took the lead, but was quickly passed by Baker and Muspratt. Nearing the top of the ground he had to go outside his men, and certainly must have lost a yard or two. This, however, as it happened, made no difference. Coming right away in magnificent style, Myers had a certain victory a long way before reaching the tape. Not one of his opponents could go the pace with him. He half looked round as he was finishing, and yet won by ten or a dozen yards. The official time was 49 4-5 sec., which is 3-5ths of a second faster than the previous best amateur record in England. Phillips was second, four yards in front of Smith. Myers's action in running is perfection, and was the subject on Saturday of unstinted admiration. On Saturday, July 2, at Stamford-bridge, Myers is expected to take part in a half-mile level race, and Merrill in a three miles level walking race.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

I have so strained my neck by gazing at the Comet night after night that I have to ask your indulgence. Besides, the Comet is beyond me: it is I don't know how many millions of miles off. It has upset other systems besides mine. It has made the powers that be issue considerably more orders of the day simply to transport fifty thousand Volunteers to Windsor than Count von Moltke needed to move the German Legions across the Rhine. It has led to the publication of an official notification that "cracked sovereigns are to be reissued to the public"—on the one hand rousing the cupidity of investors in Indian Gold Mines hopeful of buying sovereigns half price from the Mint; and, on the other hand, not unnaturally ruffling the susceptibilities of the disciples of Herr Most, who have a rooted antipathy to Sovereigns—cracked or uncracked. But we are wandering from the Comet itself. That is a luminous subject, which only a Mother Shipton could treat adequately. Consequently, I beg you will allow me to stand aside on this occasion, whilst the nearest approach to a Mother Shipton Short could procure—the fashionable Dame in Shipton cloak and cape I have the honour to introduce to ye—discourses on WHAT THE COMET REVEALED.

Now, pray, don't take a back seat, Mr. Codlin. All I wish is that *you*, and you also, Ladies and Gentlemen, could stand outside yourselves occasionally, just to see yourselves as others see you. My gracious! what a lot of pretence and humbug would be stripped from the world *then!*

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London made the Comet grin most of all! Wasn't there cause for his mirth? He looked down upon a City of Four Millions—a nation in itself; and a nation which, if it only knew its POWER, would sweep away with an irresistible tide those obsolete barriers which Cant, Bigotry, and Governmental Blindness still maintain to obstruct Liberty with. He saw the Four Millions practically without Municipal self-rule—saw a set of Aldermen who by virtue of abnormal greed of lucre and love of turtle sat over

their fellow-sinners as Magistrates, and kept up the monstrous customs of squandering the bequests of benevolent citizens in gluttonous feasts—and saw an Imperial Parliament returned to remedy these and other evils wasting days and weeks over a reform for one portion of the kingdom only. Our Queenless London will bear a little laughing at, you will admit!

The Comet also had a keen eye on the human tide of emigrants setting in from Europe to the United States, which abound in homesteads for the industrious poor whom oppressive Governments and purblind Tories are driving in Millions from their native land. The Comet noted further that, not content with absorbing the bone and sinew and brains of Britain, Columbia has waged a not unsuccessful war in the peaceful fields of recreation of England herself. Iroquois triumphant at Epsom and Ascot, and winner of the Derby and Prince of Wales's Stakes; and Myers and Merrill victorious over the London Athletic Club's pedestrians at Stamford-bridge; the Cornell oarsmen only need to be the conquerors at Henley to complete the tale of England's discomfiture. But a little bird has whispered to me that the Cornellites are not to win at Henley Regatta. Nevertheless, a good time to them; and may they live long and prosper! With which sincere wish, I beg to take leave of you, Ladies and Gentlemen, and leave Mr. Codlin to take up the running.

No, Ladies and Gentlemen; your attached Showman knows better than to trespass farther on your patience. Now Lady Shipton has withdrawn, I will just ask ye to overlook her earnestness. It is a way ladies have; give them their heads; and ten to one they will bolt! There's our old friend, Dion Boucicault! I don't think he'll disagree with me on *that* point. I have too strong a feeling of gratitude for many a pleasant hour's playgoing to "round" on Boucicault now he is troubled with his Divorce. Yet, one theatrical scene it was impossible to refrain from citing. It is where "The Shaughraun" said to Mrs. Dion, "Arrah, sure it 's the light of me eyes yes are; and I cannot live widout yo!" But there, there, pardon me, Dion, I'll let ye have the satisfaction of a retort, and will take to myself the poet's dictum,—"To err is—you, man!"

CODLIN.

THE WANDERINGS OF THREE CHILDREN.

From inquiries made by the Glasgow police, it appears that the story of the little girls Kavanagh, who, it was reported last week, had walked from Manchester to Dumfries in search of their father, is perfectly true. The father, however, left Glasgow two months ago, and is now understood to be working in Newcastle, where inquiries regarding him have been set on foot. On Saturday morning Superintendent Malcolm, of the Dumfries police, received a communication from Superintendent Godby, of the Manchester police, who says that the mother of the children, who lodged in Crown-street, Manchester, was locked up on Friday, the 10th inst., in the name of Mary Coleman, for being drunk and disorderly in the streets. Her sentence was 'seven days' imprisonment, and the people of the lodging-house had been talking of keeping the youngest child, but not the others, who went off with the baby as stated. The father, Lawrence Kavanagh, says Superintendent Godby, absconded from the children and the mother about two years and a half ago, the whole of which time, with the exception of the last few weeks, they have been in the Salford Workhouse, where the youngest child was born.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE CLYDE.—As the river-steamer Balmoral went up the Clyde on Sunday evening the steamer Lorne collided with her. The captain of the Balmoral was killed.

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